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Man Suspected of Kidnapping Toddler Charged

An Agua Dulce man suspected of kidnapping a 2-year-old girl from her grandparents' residence was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Thomas Ray Dillingham (dob 3/10/76) is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at the San Fernando Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Department S. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$220,000 in case PA085950.

Dillingham allegedly burst into a mobile home on Monday night and took the toddler at knife-point from her grandparents, who were watching her. When her grandfather went to the suspect's residence in the same mobile home park and sought the child's return, the suspect allegedly refused.

Sheriff's deputies were able to recover the child and arrest Dillingham a short time later. He is charged with one count of kidnapping a victim under 14 with use of a knife allegation and one count of assault with a deadly weapon, a knife.

If convicted, Dillingham faces up to 30 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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